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John Foreman Chairman, Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Siting Committee") Office of the Attorney General PAD/CPA 1275 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE:

SRP Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Application ("CEC Application")

Docket L-00000B-15-0059-00170

Dear Chairman Foreman:

I represent Germann Action Team ("GATE"). GATE is an organization created by residents and landowners who live or work along Germann, Dobson and Ellis Roads ("Germann Corridor"). GATE represents the interests of the residents and landowners in this area with respect to the proposed SRP Price Road Corridor Transmission Project (the "Project"). The members of GATE are listed on Exhibit A to this letter.

One of the alternative routes initially considered by SRP was located on Germann Road between approximately Arizona Avenue and Price Road. GATE opposed placing the project on Germann Road and worked with SRP, the City of Chandler and others to explore alternatives. GATE strongly supports the proposed route using Gila River Indian Community ("GRIC Route") land that has been brought forward in the SRP CEC Application.

GATE's support is based on the following factors.

1. The GRIC Route avoids the densely populated Germann Corridor.

As the land use materials in the CEC Application demonstrate, there are hundreds of existing homes and thousands of residents in the Germann Corridor as well as in other portions of south Chandler. The GRIC Route avoids most of the existing residences in this area and instead utilizes roadways, open areas, undeveloped land, and railroads. As a result, future development can be planned in a way that best incorporates the needed transmission lines.

2. The GRIC Route is supported by and benefits the local tribal community.

The placement of the Project on GRIC land is supported by the members of the Gila River tribal community. That support is not surprising since the Project will provide economic and technological benefits and opportunities for the tribal community. In addition, the tribal allottees will receive financial compensation from SRP for use of their land for a right of way.

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3. The GRIC route avoids material adverse impact on the local businesses and churches along Germann Road.

Business along Germann Road is thriving again having recovered from the recession. A large construction project would damage business by interrupting normal traffic flow along Germann Road. SRP's GRIC route allows these businesses to operate unimpeded by a large construction project. The Germann Corridor also is home to two of the largest churches in the state of Arizona - Chandler Christian Church and Tri-City Baptist. In addition, both have schools as part of their church mission and a third church, Chandler Presbyterian, also is home to a children's center. Under SRP's proposal, these churches and their ministries will not be disrupted.

4. <u>SRP's proposed GRIC route is consistent with the City of Chandler's well-designed plans for its streets and neighborhoods.</u>

The Germann Corridor consists of thousands of multi-generational families that live there all year round. The City of Chandler has carefully planned this area to make it appealing for residents with wide streets, lush landscaping, picturesque neighborhoods and a diverse mix of homes, churches, schools, retail shops, restaurants and public parks.

In sum, SRP has identified the best route in this area and GATE commends SRP for its efforts in developing the route. GATE respectfully requests that the Siting Committee approve SRP's proposed GRIC route.

Very truly yours,

Thomas H. Campbell

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EXHIBIT A

GATE MEMBERSHIP

Homestead HOA Arden Park HOA Sienna Heights HOA Pecos Ranch Estates HOA Brittany Heights HOA Germann Country Estates HOA Talante HOA Stonefield HOA WildRose Villas HOA Chandler Christian Church (CCC) Tri-City Baptist Church (Tri-City) Chandler Presbyterian Church Phoenix Children's Academy Bridge Community Center for Teens Kid's Discovery Preschool Greulich's Automotive Repair The Shops at Pecos Ranch